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In the Title:

Please amend the title as follows.

Delete:

~~PUNCTURING INSTRUMENT, PUNCTURING NEEDLE CARTRIDGE,  
PUNCTURING INSTRUMENT SET, AND PUNCTURING NEEDLE  
DISCARDMENT INSTRUMENT~~

Add:

PUNCTURE INSTRUMENT, PUNCTURE NEEDLE CARTRIDGE, PUNCTURE  
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In the Specification:

Please insert a new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, as follows:

--CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application claims priority under 35 USC 371 to International Application No. PCT/JP2004/011301, filed on July 30, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-283328, filed on July 31, 2003 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-316865, filed on September 9, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--